

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

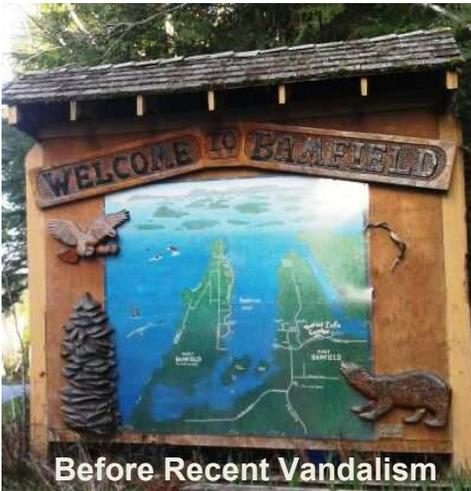
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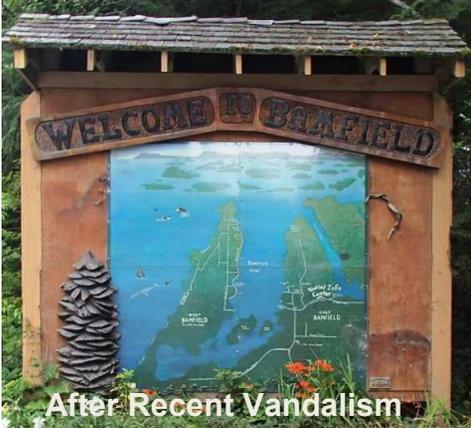
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## Shame!



Before Recent Vandalism



After Recent Vandalism

**Bamfield's unique Welcome sign** has recently had its carvings of a bear and eagle stolen. Earlier, the Stellar jay (upper right) was lost. This sign and its carvings are part of **Al Porter's** artistic legacy to Bamfield and as such are irreplaceable. A reward for the arrest and conviction of the thief is being organized. *L. Druehl*

**The Bamfield Community School** Association wishes to thank Janet Simpson-Cooke for everything she has done during her time with the Society. We wish her the best!  
*Charlie Clappis, Chair BCSA*



**Celebrating Ardie Logan's life** in her Bamfield home, 229 Nuthatch Road (constructed from lumber salvaged from the marine station WW II army barracks). Lots of friends, food and memories. **Angie Joe**, who became best friends with Ardie, remembers meeting Ardie when she worked at the BC Packers chandlery and Angie would drop off fish. "We had lots of adventures and played card games..." I meant to ask if they went to Las Vegas, it seems possible.



Since the 70's, Ardie made Easter toys for the kids of Nitnat. Thirty-five Lambs (see photo) were made Easter 2011 with the help of **Marion Logan** and **Sharon Dunmore**. *L. Druehl*, photo first appeared in the first issue of *The New Bamfielder* where it was called a bunny!

**Bamfield Community affairs meeting, Monday September 19, 7:30 School, featuring water treatment & helipad updates, and much more.**

**Bamfield Road Safety** Association meeting at Headquarters Bay, Saturday, September 10 at 11:00 a.m.. [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for full agenda and travel instructions.

**Yummy.** I have tasted **Andrea's** figs, munched on **Rae's** artichoke, and coveted the **Nelsons'** garlic. Join your community garden and eat out. See **Andrea Butler & Lisa Herbig**. *L. Druehl*

**Trash Talk.** **Gail Hogarth** says, "If everyone cut soap and milk containers in half and fit the halves together the recycle bins would not get so full so fast and save \$ for the community."

**Things Cedar.** Yellow cedar (*Chamaecyparis nootkaten-sis*) has recently invaded our construction market. According to **Bob Baden**, Bamfield Builders, this wood is less expensive, stronger and more resistant to decay than red cedar (*Thuja plicata*). And according to my novel

*Cedar, Salmon and Weed*, "Yellow cedar is oily and is the wood of choice for heating Bamfield homes. Its fragrance—memories of grandmother's hope chest with all its secrets—keeps moths away. Bamfielders often stow pieces of this wood in with woolens." *L. Druehl*, photo: **Skye Butler** and **Colin Afleck** constructing a ramp approach of yellow cedar.

**More Cedar.** The magazine Geist (No.101, summer 2016) reviews Cedar: "Cedar, salmon and weed is probably not the Great Canadian Novel—but..." and goes on to say nice stuff about the book. At least that's my interpretation. [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for full review. *L. Druehl*



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### **Beer-driven auction raises Big \$\$\$**

The annual Community Hall Harvest dinner of burgers, hotdogs and fresh Port Alberni peaches and cream corn was enjoyed by 102 diners (up from 80 last year). A new, enjoyable twist, the *Bob Goodwin Gang* (**Sheila Kristjan, Tavi Kristjan, Bob Goodwin, Malcolm Richards, Betty Beyko, Jan Teversham** photo below) played tunes such as *Hallelujah* that caused **Eileen Scott** to break into song. Some auctioned items: an ice chest with a half-flat of beer-\$300, Gordy's blackberry port-\$200, the perennial Ebba cinnamon twists-\$120, three small woven baskets from **Ebba Jennings'** collection-\$500 (Ebba, a staunch community

### **Auction \$\$**

2012 \$5257

2013 \$2617

2014 \$4642

2015 \$6209

2016 \$6998

supporter, has raised untold dollars through her cinnamon twists, a legacy continued by her daughters **Katharine and Suzanne**). This auction was Bob Goodwin's 25<sup>th</sup>. Bob was presented a Suzanne-customized quilted fish-themed pillow. **J.P. Hastey**, Hall President, thanked everyone and noted that, besides providing fun, this function is to raise funds towards a new Community Hall and to pay for free events sponsored by the Hall such as: 1 July hotdogs, Easter egg hunt, *L. Druehl*



**Road progress.** Today one has to only follow the power poles from Port Alberni to find Bamfield. In 1970, **Norman Wilimovski**, fish biologist and staunch marine station supporter outlined the 21 choices needed to arrive in Bamfield. See [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for trip log

**Land Act:** Notice to use Deer Group area for commercial campsites. Comments received until 30 September. See [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for details and contacts.

### **Clam Gardening in Grappler. Nicole**

**Smith**, archeologist, noted the First Nations mariculture of clams on the west coast of Canada. These clam gardens consist of a constructed rock fence that allows for the deposit of sediment, creating a good habitat for clams. Six gardens have been identified in Grappler, dating from 400-600 years ago. This dating was achieved by carbon dating barnacles on rocks in the fence that had been turned upside down. Nicole and colleagues estimated clam productivity in these gardens often exceeded modern cultivation. *L. Druehl*, photo above Nicole Smith lecturing in the Rix Centre, photo below a Grappler clam garden between **Hermann's** place and Bear Island, by *N. Smith*.



### **Clam Gardening in Useless Inlet.**

**Ron Dunsmuir**, Imperial Eagle Clam Ltd., in 1997, expanded a natural clam bed from 12 ft. x 1200 ft to up to 350 ft x 1200 ft by removing 8000 tons of gravel, leveling the beach to optimal clam depth. The exposed beach was then picked clear of rock, leaving pea gravel. The productivity increased year after year and his last harvest in 2002, produced 55,000 pds of clams. He reckoned the final potential would be 200,000 pds. The Dunsmuir's sold the lease to Pioneer Aqua Culture Ltd. *L. Druehl*, photo of the Dunsmuir clam garden under construction, by *Sharon*



### **Rumble Rousers visit Bamfield.**

**Wayne Noullette** and **Dave Diedracksen** drove a 1930 Model A Ford from Sidney, through Cowichan, to Bamfield. "We planned on two days each way to account for repairs," said Dave. When asked why Bamfield, Wayne replied, "We wanted her to experience a road like in the good old days." To which I replied "I knew that road was good for something."



She has a 40 hp engine, rocks for parking brakes, a highway cruising speed of 60 km, and burned 10 gallons getting here from Duncan. **Eileen Scott** breezed in to The Market. "Drove that car in Saskatchewan, loved the rumble seat." Hmmm, Eileen in the rumble seat! *L. Druehl*, photo by *Rae Hopkins*: "Eileen and memories."

**Forest Frustrations.** The last version of the Bamfield/Huu-ay-aht management plan was submitted to the Ministry 4 months ago and this is the first we hear that it was not approved. **David Paul** called to tell me this "bad news" last Friday at 8 PM... More work for us again, putting back information that was already in Version 1 of our MP, like information about trails, visual net downs, stream classification etc... First they say to take it out, now they want that information back in again, makes me mad... In any case, I will call **Donna Underwood** and try to stay calm. Oh well, we have to continue "jumping through the hoops", **Rhonda Morris's** hoops this time... If you have any suggestions, words of wisdom or comments, please let me know. All the best! *Stefan Ochman*, go to [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for management plan and critique. *Ed. We appreciate your efforts, Stefan.*

**A Great August Scotch Club** at Amelia Vos's with 37 members in attendance. New members welcome.

